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 13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
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 15 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

16 BEVERLY J. EZRA, an individual,
 17 Plaintiff,
 18 vs.
 19 WEITZ & LUXENBERG, P.C., a New
 20 York professional corporation, BRISTOL-
 21 MYERS SQUIBB AND COMPANY, a
 22 Delaware corporation; MEDICAL
 23 ENGINEERING CORPORATION, a
 24 Delaware corporation; and DOES and
 25 ROES I through XX, inclusive,
 26 Defendants.

27 CASE NO.: 2:16-cv-00486-RFB-PAL

28 **DEFENDANTS BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB
 COMPANY'S AND WEITZ &
 LUXENBERG'S PROPOSED JOINT
 DISCOVERY PLAN AND SCHEDULING
 ORDER**

**SPECIAL SCHEDULING REVIEW
 REQUESTED**

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 30 The Defendants Bristol-Myers Squibb Company's ("BMS") and Weitz & Luxenberg's
 31 ("W&L") hereby submit their Proposed Joint Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order.¹

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BRIEF BACKGROUND

This Case arises from a dispute pertaining to the filing of an Order (“Order”) in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York under Case No. 98-CV-0118 on August 31, 2000. Plaintiff alleges that the Order was to be entered pursuant to a Tolling Agreement (“Tolling Agreement”) executed on January 26, 2000 by BEVERLY J. EZRA, and later signed by attorneys representing BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY (“BMS”) and MEDICAL ENGINEERING CORPORATION, and WEITZ & LUXENBERG, P.C. (“W&L”), which represented BEVERLY J. EZRA.

Plaintiff alleges that the Tolling Agreement specified that the referenced case was to be dismissed without prejudice and that BEVERLY J. EZRA would be able to re-litigate the case in the future as the applicable statute of limitations would be tolled.

Plaintiff alleges that on October 25, 2015, she was informed that the referenced case had been dismissed with prejudice and that she therefore could not re-litigate the case as had been agreed.

On March 6, 2016, Plaintiff filed this lawsuit against Defendants, BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY, MEDICAL ENGINEERING CORPORATION and WEITZ & LUXENBERG, P.C.;

On April 19, 2016, Defendant BMS moved to dismiss all claims against BMS;

On April 22, 2016 the Court Clerk entered a Default against Defendant W&L, for failing to answer or otherwise plead within the statutory time to do so;

On April 24, 2016 and April 26, 2016, Plaintiff filed motions for Default Judgment against Defendant W&L;

On May 5, 2016 Plaintiff filed a Notice of Intent to Take Default against Defendant W&L;

personal jurisdiction, lack of subject matter jurisdiction because Plaintiff's claims are not ripe and she is collaterally estopped in bringing this suit, and for Plaintiff's failure to adequately state claims for relief. In the alternative, Defendant W&L also brought a motion to transfer the case to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Although the parties here agree to stay discovery pending resolution of the pending motions, Defendants also believe that the conditions of *Trade Tradebay, LLC v. eBay, Inc.*, 278 F.R.D. 597, 603 (D. Nev. 2011) are met based on the arguments raised in the motions.

1 On May 9, 2016 Defendant W&L filed a Motion to Dismiss all Claims against W&L, and
 2 in the alternative, a motion to transfer this case to the Eastern District of New York. On May 9,
 3 2016, Defendant W&L also filed a Motion to Set Aside Clerk's Entry of Default and a Response
 4 to Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment.

5 All parties have now filed their respective responses to all pending motions.

6 Pursuant to the request of Defendants hereto, and considering the dispositive motions and
 7 responses pending before this Court, the Court granted their request to extend the deadline to file
 8 a Discovery Plan. Accordingly, on June 20, 2016, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P 26(f), counsel for
 9 the respective parties met and conferred and Defendants are hereby submitting their Proposed
 10 Joint Discovery Plan and stipulation to stay discovery pending the court's rulings on the
 11 referenced dispositive motions.

12 **STIPULATION TO STAY DISCOVERY**

13 The parties jointly request that the Court hold all discovery obligations in abeyance until
 14 all of the pending motions are resolved. When considering a request to stay discovery, "this court
 15 must decide whether it is more just to speed the parties along in discovery and other proceedings
 16 while a dispositive motion is pending, or whether it is more just to delay or limit discovery and
 17 other proceedings to accomplish the inexpensive determination of the case."² While the parties
 18 disagree as to the merits of the pending motions, they concur that it will be best for the parties and
 19 the Court if discovery is stayed until these motions are resolved. If the motions are granted there
 20 would be no need for discovery. Moreover, the nature of Plaintiff's claims also warrant a stay
 21 because her claims implicate discovery relating to the underlying product liability lawsuit and
 22 will potentially be quite onerous for all parties. In sum, the principles articulated in FRCP 1—
 23 justice, expediency, and efficiency—support staying discovery while the Court considers the
 24 pending motions.

25 **PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

26 1. Discovery shall be held in abeyance until disposition of all dispositive motions
 27 now pending before this Court. Thereafter, discovery shall be conducted as follows:

28 ² *Tradebay, LLC v. eBay, Inc.*, 278 F.R.D. 597, 603 (D. Nev. 2011).

1 a. Within seven (7) days of the order addressing the last of the pending
2 motions, the remaining parties shall hold a subsequent 26(f) conference;
3 b. Within seven (7) days of the subsequent 26(f) conference, the parties shall
4 submit to the Court, a discovery plan in compliance with LR 26-1,
5 anticipating the following deadlines.

6 DATED June 23, 2016.

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23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

24 DATED: June 24, 2016

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26 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury, that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, and I am not a party to, nor interested in, this action. On this date, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the **WITHDRAWAL OF DEFENDANTS BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY'S AND WEITZ & LUXENBERG'S JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO FILE DISCOVERY PLAN** by the method indicated below:

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